

Bloomington MAC Meeting  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 2, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

**Council Members Present**

Lynda Gonzalez	Mike Koss	Adrian McDaniel
Juanita Ruiz	Eric Scott	

**Minutes:**

Council Member Ruiz moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Council Member McDaniel seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Special Presentation:**

Bloomington Incorporation Committee – Eric Davenport

The BIC is circulating petitions throughout Bloomington to gather signatures in support of incorporation. The BIC has approximately 5 months to collect signatures and submit them to LAFCO. Mr. Davenport urged residents who support incorporation to donate to BIC so they have sufficient funds for the incorporation process. The next BIC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Eric Davenport at (909) 877-8468

**STAFF REPORTS**

Department of Public Works – Brendon Biggs

Public Works The County of San Bernardino Public Works Department oversees 2820 miles of roads throughout the county. Public Works primarily handles the maintenance of the roadways. There are several departments within the Transportation division that handle planning and budgeting, design and maintenance. Public Works also has a Flood Control District that oversees the regional facilities such as the flood basins. The majority of the funding for Public Works projects come from tax revenue, Measure I funds and a variety of grants.

Sidewalks are usually built by new developments in the community. The county actively seeks outside funding to construct sidewalks from state and federal grants. The Safe Route to Schools program is a grant offered by the state of California. Public Works typically submits two requests per district per cycle. Community Development Block Grant funds are also available if the target community meets HUD eligibility requirements.

Cedar Ave/I-10 Interchange is a target project for the Bloomington area. Other projects include the widening of Alder Ave., Slover Ave. and Bloomington Ave. The signalization of Cedar Ave. and 7<sup>th</sup> St is another project slated for future allocation.

The traffic division posts signs on county roads. Enforcement is under the jurisdiction of the Highway Patrol.

Mr. Biggs was requested to look into previous requests to construct sidewalks adjacent to Ruth O. Harris Middle School.

If residents have questions regarding current or future projects they can contact the Department of Public Works at (909) 387-8166.

#### West Valley Water District – Tom Crowley, Assistant General Manager

West Valley Water District recently issued a notice to its customers informing them of a pending rate increase. The Board of Directors approved the rate increase due to the increase in expenditures; the only previous increase in the past 12 years occurred in 2004. Per the recommendation of an outside analyst, West Valley Water will increase rates to cover current inflation costs. The first phase will include a 15% increase; averaging out to approximately \$4.80 per household per month. In 2007, a second increase of 10% will be enacted. This will average approximately \$3.00 per household per month.

Even with the rate increase West Valley Water will still have lower rates than the average rates of competing water companies.

A public hearing will take place on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the West Valley Water District main office located at 855 W. Baseline in the city of Rialto. For more information contact W.V.W.D. at (909) 875-1804.

#### Field Representative – Amber Tiedgen

Ms. Tiedgen announced that the Supervisor's office is still accepting Bloomington Tourism Grants. The deadline for the grant applications is June 6, 2006.

MAC elections will be held at the June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting.

Ms. Tiedgen also acknowledged "Grandma Fran" for all her hard work serving the community of Bloomington.

Supervisor Gonzales would like to remind residents that the possession or use of all fireworks is illegal in Bloomington. County staff will distribute flyers and lawn signs throughout the month of June to enforce the no fireworks ordinance.

#### Special Districts – Tim Millington

Mr. Millington introduced the new maintenance employee for the Bloomington community: Dan Ramos.

The county has a contract with Terminix for extermination services regarding gofers at the Bloomington Parks.

Special Districts is also working with the Sheriff's Citizen Patrol to coordinate keeping the restrooms open for longer periods of time for public use.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### Action Items

None

##### Non-Action Items

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Action Items

#### A. Items for Next Meeting

### Non-Action Items

## **Member Reports**

### Adrian McDaniel

None

### Juanita Ruiz

Council Member Ruiz thanked everyone in attendance. She offered her condolences to Lynda Gonzales for the passing of her father.

### Mike Koss

Council Member Koss encouraged the community to apply for the tourism grant money.

### Betty Gosney

Absent.

### Lynda Gonzalez

MAC Chair Gonzalez asked that the community be mindful of the current debate surrounding immigration.

### Gregory Ware

Absent.

### Eric Scott

None.

## **Public Comments**

Members of the audience are asked to pick up a request to address the MAC from the Council Secretary. There is a limit of three minutes speaking per request. The following speakers were given time to speak.

### Scott Folkens

Mr. Folkens is a teacher at Bloomington Christian School and would like to invite the community to attend an event honoring veterans on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Church of the Nazarene on Bloomington Ave.

### Roxanne Bazo

The students in the Future Farmers of America (FFA) program at Bloomington High School have trouble accessing the FFA facility to feed the animals. The high school is currently locking the campus and not providing access to the Agriculture Department.

Dave Jayne – San Bernardino Valley Riders

The SBVR will host a show on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The entire community is encouraged to attend. The SBVR are working with County Special Districts Dept. to facilitate improvements to the horse arena.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. to the next MAC meeting scheduled for June 6, 2006 at 7p.m.

Submitted by: Dan Flores – Bloomington MAC Secretary (909) 387-4565